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MINUTES May 21, 1999 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. State Capitol, Room 223

Members:

Present:

Representative Jim Gowans, First Vice Chair
Mayor Chesley Christensen, Mt. Pleasant
Ken Bassett, Vernal City
Representative Chad Bennion
Lou Mueller, City of Blanding
Ann Wilcox Hardy, Citizen Appointee
Representative Marda Dillree
Senator Millie Peterson
Dick Melton, Dept of Health
Linda Hamilton, City of South Ogden
Commissioner Chad Johnson, Beaver County
Representative Jackie Biskupski
Marty Ott, Dept. of Natural Resources
Diane Nielson, Dept. of Environmental Quality
Jan Clemmer, School Board Appointee

Staff:

Jamie Jensen, GOPB
Ray Milliner, GOPB

Absent:

Commissioner Carol Page, Chair
Senator Peter Knudson
Richard Bradford, DCED
Commissioner Gary Herbert, Utah County
Commissioner Patrick Cone, Summit County
Robert Haywood, Dept. of Human Services
John Quick, Dept. of Transportation
Mark Bedel, GOPB

Visitors:

Sara McCormick, Center for Public Policy and Admin.
Les Prall, 21st Century Communities Program
Kent Bishop, GOPB
Jean Nielsen, Dept. of Human Services
Lane Nielson, Wasatch Front Regional Council
Russell Martin, Six County AOG
Dennis Pollock, UPTA
Dave Woodbury, UPTA
Ronald E. Madsen, Senator Hatch's Office

I. Approval of Minutes from the April 23, 1999 Meeting

Representative Marda Dillree moved to approve the April 23, 1999 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jan Clemmer. The motion passed.

II. Presentation on the 21st Century Communities Program Les Prall, Dept. of Community and Economic Development

Les Prall informed the Council that the 21st Century Communities Programs has an Internet site at <http://utahreach.usu.edu>. The purpose is to help rural communities by giving them as much information as possible at their location, so that there will be a better chance for them to help themselves.

Les reviewed the background for the 21st Century Communities Program. An invitation and challenge to rural towns, cities, counties and Indian tribes to engage in the planning and development processes that will lead to designation as a 21st Century Community, was extended by Governor Leavitt and the Governor's Rural Partnership Office in 1997. The idea behind this is for rural leaders to look to the future and begin now to develop a plan for community prosperity and success. The 21st Century Communities Program stresses evaluation of the forces of change that are shaping the future, assessing community needs and opportunities, improving leadership skills and knowledge, and developing strategies to resolve problems and achieve community goals.

The 21st Century Communities Program is a tailor-made program, not a one-size fits all. Everyone has the opportunity to rate their own community. It isn't rated against any other. This program is not designed to make communities become something that they are not. It is designed to let them decide who they are and then make sure assistance is provided to help communities become who they want to be.

There are 14 topics on the Internet that the 21st Century Communities Program would like communities to choose from and to determine which one is most important for their community to start on. This is a step by step process. Once a topic is selected, they go through a self-evaluation from which they determine their weaknesses, where they want to go, make a plan to improve those weaknesses, and go from there. If they ask for help, they can look on the Internet and find resource providers that have had the same problems.

The 21st Century Communities Program is ready and willing to assist rural leaders who accept the challenge of becoming 21st Century Communities. Les mentioned that applications and additional information can be found on the Internet at <http://utahreach.usu.edu> or from local Associations of Government, or from the Governor's Rural Partnership Office by calling (435) 586-7738.

Lou Mueller suggested that someone from the Council talk to Wes Curtis about the possibility of UACIR's Annual Intergovernmental Summit being a training resource for training credit. It was also suggested that UACIR get a link on the 21st Century Communities Program's web site with detailed Intergovernmental Summit information as well as looking into on-line registration. Staff will check on these possibilities and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

III. UACIR Role with Quality Growth Commission Ray Milliner, GOPB

In the April UACIR meeting, Brad Barber gave a presentation to the Council on the Quality Growth Commission (QGC). At the conclusion of Brad's remarks, there was a motion made and passed asking that the Governor provide direction to the UACIR on their role with the QGC. Ray Milliner presented the Governor's response to this motion. In the form of a letter, the Governor has asked that the Council work on the intent language in the Quality Growth Act which states, "the Commission shall develop proposals or drafts of legislation to implement quality growth principles." The portion that the UACIR is to work on is, "*how to encourage voluntary cooperation among local entities and other providers of public services*". This assignment was given because of the Council's past experience with Interlocal Agreements.

Over the next few months, the UACIR staff will be working with the Council on the Intergovernmental side of the Act. UACIR staff asked for direction from the Council on how they would like to proceed. It is expected that by November, QGC is scheduled to appear before the Political Subdivisions Committee to report on what they have come up with over the course of the summer. The Council will want to have something prepared and presented to QGC prior to November. UACIR's role with QGC will probably be an agenda item for the next few months as ideas are formulated and as decisions are made concerning what will be presented to QGC. The Council discussed preparing recommendations and suggestions for legislation and presenting them to QGC so that they do not end up determining what UACIR does. Discussion also ensued about areas of expertise within the Council and the focus that the Council wants to take.

IV. Update on Towing Issue Discussed in April Meeting Kent Bishop, GOPB

Kent Bishop from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget provided the Council with an update of the towing issue discussed in the April UACIR meeting. Last month, Kent discussed tow truck issues and the possibility of having the UACIR assist in bringing together information from the executive branch of state government, and also working with local governments and finding solutions to deal with issues that are affecting police agencies being able to get assistance from tow-truck entities to handle problems associated with abandoned vehicles, impound vehicles, and non-consent towing vehicles. Since the last meeting, Kent has met with DOT staff. They are very interested in supporting and participating in this work. They indicated that perhaps this issue was not yet ready for an interim discussion, and that more information needs to be brought to the table. Cost study of rates etc. are needed because they have some in rule right now, and they need to update that. They have also indicated a desire to have one or more of their staff assist directly because they have a statutory provision that bears directly on this. Public safety has put a rule in place and has made it effective since the last meeting that deals with rotation dispatch programs, and while it is just a start, it does give some authorization to work and coordinate in that area very carefully. Since the last meeting, Kent has also been in contact with some federal officials in the EPA in Washington, as well as worked with Dianne Nielsen's staff regarding some possible regulations that need to be coordinated with the salvage yards etc.

Kent asked that a sub-committee be formed to work with him on an on-going basis to pull together some of the issues that need to be a part of this discussion. He asked that four or five persons from the Council work with him over the next few months, to start defining and refining these issues. Kent suggested that those on the Council who are affiliated with local governments would be of prime interest. **Senator Millie Peterson made a motion to create a sub-committee to study the towing industry and what is going on with local municipalities. Chad Bennion suggested that three or five people be on the sub-committee so that it be an odd number. The motion was amended accordingly. Jan Clemmer seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Linda Hamilton and James Gowans volunteered to be on the sub-committee. Representative Perry Buckner also expressed interest to Kent, and will also join the group in an unofficial capacity. Kent is still looking for two or three more people to join his sub-committee. If you are interested, please contact one of the UACIR staff members or the Chair or Vice Chair of the UACIR.

V. Intergovernmental Summit Planning Sara McCormick, Center for Public Policy and Administration

Each sub-committee for the Summit reported where they stand in terms of planning for the Intergovernmental Summit which will be held on August 13th.

The program sub-committee, reported confirmations from Don Gale, Lloyd Newell, and Senator Bennett's Office for speakers for the Summit. It is anticipated that by the 15th of June, letters to the speakers informing them what the Summit program will be in addition to finding out about any special needs they may have will be sent out.

The sponsor sub-committee reported that they currently have three sponsors, and that they are looking for others. The budget for the Summit anticipates \$3,000 in sponsorships, and right now the sponsor sub-committee has around \$2,750. Letters have been sent out to the committed sponsors. Additional letters will be sent out requesting logos and information that they would like to have on the registration brochures and at the Summit in return for their sponsorship.

The logistics sub-committee announced that the Summit will be held at the Union Building at the University of Utah in the Saltair room. Parking will be right outside the building, and there will be validations for everyone who registers. Two mailings will be going out soon. A postcard will be mailed out approximately June 4th, and

the registration brochures will be mailed out July 1st.

Council members will need to register so that there is an accurate count for lunch, and so that they can get parking validations.

Lou Mueller made a motion to: create a link on the UACIR website with detailed Summit information, pursue on-line/email Summit registration, approach Wes Curtis regarding 21st Century Program training credit for those attending the Summit, request a hot link on the 21st Century Communities website as well as on the ULCT and UAC's web sites, and that we report back at the next meeting. Ann Hardy seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

VI. June Retreat Planning Ray Milliner, GOPB

A draft agenda for the June retreat was distributed to the Council. Discussion ensued among the group. It was decided that the UACIR staff will update the agenda and that Michelle Haws will be the facilitator for the Council in writing the new UACIR mission statement. The date and location of the retreat will be announced.

VII. Other Business

If anyone has suggestions for future agenda items, please contact Mark Bedel at 538-1571.

Ray Milliner, from GOPB will be maintaining the UACIR website. If you have any suggestions or corrections for the website, please contact Ray at 538-1696. The website address is www.gvnfo.state.ut.us/planning/UACIR.htm.

If you are unable to attend UACIR meetings and would like handouts, they are available by calling Jamie Jensen at 538-1566. Minutes and agendas can be found on the UACIR website.